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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Third Meeting of the Publication Procurement and Exploitation Conference, 7 November 1956 (U)

TO: See Distribution

1. (UNCLASSIFIED) The following personnel were present at the meeting:

Mr R. W. Bauer (Chairman)	CDCFR
Mr H. J. Dougherty	PREUSP
Lt Col J. P. Ransom	OCRD
Capt J. Aaron	CCIA
Mr E. C. Vogel	OCE/AMS
Mr D. W. Platt	OCE/AMS
Mr D. I. Hoosepian	OCE/AMS
Mr M. P. Connaughton	OCE/EID
Mr F. M. Marson	OCE/R & D Lab
Mr E. O. Quinones	OCE/R & D Lab
Dr I. D. Dickman	OTSG
Miss M. Holdsworth	OCO
Mr B. L. Smith	QMIA
Mr H. Just	SCIA
Mr D. C. Allen	SCIA
Mr R. F. Waring	TIA

2. (UNCLASSIFIED) The third meeting convened at 1000 hours, 7 November. As the minutes of the second meeting were not available, their approval was postponed until the next meeting.

3. (UNCLASSIFIED) Prior to discussing the first item on the agenda, the following actions were taken:

a. The Chairman distributed copies of the minutes of the 7th meeting of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications, calling the attention of the conferees to the last two paragraphs. These paragraphs contained a proposal that the Foreign Documents Division (FDD), CIA, reports on Eastern Europe be issued separately on a country basis, rather than as heretofore on a subject basis. The conferees were asked to express the preference of their agencies for the geographic or subject approach by 20 November 1956.

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b. Copies of the monthly acquisition lists of Soviet and Satellite translations and documents, prepared by Special Projects Section, Eurasian Branch, OACSI, dated 19 March 1956, were distributed to representatives of each of the Technical Services. The Chairman informed the conferees that henceforth the Technical Services would be on the regular distribution for these lists, and as rapidly as possible, back copies of these lists would be reproduced and distributed. Personnel interested in borrowing copies of the translations and documents listed should contact Mr Dougherty, Special Projects Section, Ext. 78763.

c. The Chairman distributed a list of groups of German records held by the Dutch Government and pertaining to the World War II German occupation. He requested that each agency inform him by 20 November 1956 of any groups which might be of interest to the agency.

4. (CONFIDENTIAL) Abstracting and Translation of Russian Language Scientific and Technical Publications. Mr Just informed the conferees that his agency and the other Technical Services had recently received a D/F from OCRD (File CRD/F 11993 (C), from C/R&D, subject: Russian Translation Program, dated 12 September 1956), paragraph 3 of which included a request for information which largely duplicated a similar request served on the Technical Services by OACSI. The Chairman replied that the problem raised by OCRD was much broader in scope than the problem of exploitation and translation of Russian language S & T publications for intelligence purposes. He then stated that Lt Col Ransom of OCRD would discuss the problem of his office with the conferees.

5. (CONFIDENTIAL) Lt Col Ransom discussed the background of the problem, emphasizing that the Chief of Research and Development was concerned with making available to Army scientists Soviet scientific and technical information translated into English. He stated that this requirement was especially important for the following reasons:

a. It could help eliminate the need for major research efforts by reducing research duplication.

b. The translated material would reflect the level of Soviet scientific development.

c. The translated material would provide specific intelligence information.

Although the S & T exploitation program of FDD partially met the requirement, in his opinion there was a definite need for a translation program which went beyond the requirements of the intelligence effort.

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6. (CONFIDENTIAL) OCRD has determined from the replies to the referenced D/F that all of the Technical Services desired an increase in the translation effort and statistics derived from the replies concerning the coverage desired were cited. There were 16 requests for cover-to-cover translation, 203 requests for partial translation, 124 requests for cover-to-cover abstracting, and 154 requests for selective abstracting of specific journals. Lt Col Ransom concluded by stating that OC RD was currently exploring ways and means of resolving the problem.

7. (CONFIDENTIAL) After a discussion, the conferees agreed that the problem should be further explored as follows:

a. A survey of the present translation effort in the United States and certain other countries should be conducted, the results of which would be published and disseminated.

b. Each interested agency in D/A should be requested to prepare a statement of interest listing the various Soviet publications it desired translated or abstracted.

c. In the event more publications are listed by the various agencies in accordance with paragraph 7a than are being covered by the translation effort as determined by the survey, paragraph 7a, additional coverage should be requested in accordance with R & D priorities.

d. A study should be made on the feasibility of establishing a possible joint translation agency.

e. An effort should be made to procure and hold translated material in centrally located files from which each of the Technical Services could obtain specific material as necessary to meet its requirements.

f. There should be an annual evaluation of the program.

8. (CONFIDENTIAL) Scientific and Technical Exploitation by FDD. The Chairman informed the conferees that the Exploitation Subcommittee on Foreign Language Publications would commence review of the scientific and technical exploitation program on Friday, 30 November 1956. In response to a request of the conferees, the Chairman agreed to prepare a D/F in which comments of the Technical Services on the present FDD exploitation program would be elicited.

9. (UNCLASSIFIED) The next conference will be held on 6 December 1956 at 1000 hours in Pentagon Room 2C 158. The conference will continue the discussion of the agenda items listed for the third conference.

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